

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF STUDENTS WORKING
AGAINST TOBACCO (SWAT) TO RESTRICT THE SALE
OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), a statewide youth organization are committed to making Miami-Dade County a safer, healthier place to live, work, and play with the passage of legislation restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, The Harvard School of Public Health has found that tobacco companies specifically target youth with candy and alcohol flavored products to mask the harsh and toxic properties found in tobacco; and

WHEREAS, in September 2009, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was given the authority to regulate tobacco products and banned the distribution and sale of flavored cigarettes, which ban did not extend to other flavored tobacco products, such as cigars, cigarillos, and smokeless tobacco; and

WHEREAS, twenty (20) percent of smokers ages 17 to 19 smoke flavored cigarettes while only six (6) percent of smokers over age 25 reported smoking flavored cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council support the restriction of the distribution and sale of all flavored tobacco products.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Support of SWAT.** The Mayor and City Council hereby support the efforts of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) to restrict the distribution and sale of flavored tobacco products.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of March, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)